

**EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**May 17, 2011**

**Call to Order.** Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Thomas, Gustina, Innis, Wopat and Yoss.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** None.

**Others Present:** Robert Harlow, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Director; Dean Diane Pillard, UW-Rock County.

**Approval of Agenda.** ADOPTED by acclamation.

**Approval of Minutes.** Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the minutes of April 19, 2011, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information.** Supervisor Yoss said the Epilepsy Stroll is at the east pavilion in Palmer Park this Saturday from 9 AM to noon.

**Bills/Encumbrances.**

Title III-B	\$	400.00
Nutrition Program		311.00
E & H Transport		39.48
Title III-E		486.00

Supervisor Yoss moved approval of the above Bills/Encumbrances for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

**Resolution.**

**To Recognize Diane Pillard**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 does hereby recognize Diane Pillard for her twenty-seven (27) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Clerk will be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Diane Pillard.”

Supervisor Wopat moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Yoss. ADOPTED.

**Confirming the Induction of Rob Wilkinson and Eva Arnold to the Rock County Hall of Honor**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 that the nomination of Rob Wilkinson and Eva Arnold as the 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.”

Supervisor Yoss moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

**Department Reports.**

**RSVP – Update on Seniors Volunteering for Seniors Program** Mr. Harlow said the program is doing very well. They have 51 volunteers serving 105 people at this time. The program is meeting many of the needs of our older citizens to keep them independent.

**RSVP – Update on Federal Budget Cuts** Mr. Harlow said the Feds have cut their budget 20% going into July 2011. He said the House of Representatives have it on the table to eliminate national and community services. It looks like we will be able to keep staff at this time but we will be cutting mileage, training, the recognition budget, and we are trimming the office supplies.

Mr. Harlow said the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Dinner will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. at the Janesville Moose Lodge.

**Committee Requests and Motions.**

**Ideas for Future Discussion** Supervisor Yoss requested an update on congregate meals.

Supervisor Wopat requested an update on Youth in Government.

Supervisor Wopat expressed his disappointment that when funds are cut, training is cut and this is a mistake.

Dean Pillard said she met with various people last week on the landscaping and someone from Findorff will be onsite full time to oversee the project. The natural prairie at the entrance had only three wild plants and the rest was weeds. Dean Pillard said they will be starting work this coming Monday.

Supervisor Wopat said he feels not taking action on the prairie hill is a mistake as then County money and time will need to be used to correct this. Supervisor Innis said he feels the Master Gardner would be a good person to bring in for this project. Dean Pillard said she joked with him that in exchange for using meeting rooms he can redo the hill and he was in agreement

with this. Supervisor Wopat said he would like it known that this Committee is not in favor of taking no action on the prairie. Supervisor Wopat said he would like an update on UW-Rock County landscaping and how it is being rectified.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Gustina moved adjournment at 4:45 P.M., second by Supervisor Yoss. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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